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4. ADVANCES TO CUSTOMERS - BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS

The Group's gross advances to customers by countries or geographical areas after taking into account any risk transfers are as follows:

	Total a	ndvances	Non-performing loans		Advance Overdue for over three months	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Hong Kong People's Republic	17,806,412	17,876,356	1,143,822	994,540	1,586,891	1,784,534
of China	282,820	192,185	88,404	124,732	88,404	124,732
Macau	374,261	62,160	8,000	_	8,000	_
America	180,314	163,397	_	_	_	_
Others	284,465	278,973				
Total	18,928,272	18,573,071	1,240,226	1,119,272	1,683,295	1,909,266

5. CROSS-BORDER CLAIMS

The Group's cross-border claims by countries or geographical areas which constitutes 10% or more of the relevant disclosure item after taking into account any risk transfers are as follows:

		2001	L	
	Banks and other financial institutions HK\$'000	Public sector entities HK\$'000	Others HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
Asia Pacific				
excluding Hong Kong	5,578,986	90,472	924,610	6,594,068
- of which Japan	2,430,628	_	_	2,430,628
North and South America	2,104,363	16,197	124,925	2,245,485
Europe	8,237,841	_	_	8,237,841
- of which - Germany	2,062,333	_	_	2,062,333
- Netherlands	1,860,980	_	_	1,860,980
- United Kingdom	2,055,219			2,055,219

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6. CURRENCY RISK

The Group's foreign currency exposures arising from non-trading and structural position which constitute 10% or more of the total net position in all foreign currencies are as follows:

	2001		
US\$	THB		Total
6,605,907	34,404		6,640,311
(6,683,549)	(3)		(6,683,552)
157,073	_		157,073
(47,223)	_		(47,223)
32,208	34,401		66,609
			MOP
			48,545
	2000		
US\$	MOP	THB	Total
6,774,270	10,000	35,094	6,819,364
(6,856,051)	(17,106)	(3)	(6,873,160)
165,915	_	_	165,915
(60,280)	_	_	(60,280)
23,854	(7,106)	35,091	51,839
			MOP
			48,545
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7. OVERDUE AND RESCHEDULED ASSETS

	2001			
	Gross amount of	Percentage to total	Specific	Net amount of
	advances HK\$'000	advances	provision HK\$'000	advances HK\$'000
Advances overdue for	ΙΙΙΙΨ ΟΟΟ		ππφ σσσ	1114 σσσ
– 6 months or less but over 3 months	253,795	1.3	28,554	225,241
 1 year or less but over 6 months 	93,312	0.5	17,047	76,265
– over 1 year	<u>1,336,188</u>	7.1	221,240	1,114,948
	1,683,295	8.9	266,841	1,416,454
Rescheduled advances	171,857	0.9	8,590	163,267
Total overdue and rescheduled				
advances	1,855,152	9.8	275,431	1,579,721
Total overdue advances	1,683,295	8.9	266,841	1,416,454
Less: Advances overdue for more than 3 months and on which interest is still being accrued	495,726	2.6	32,003	463,723
Add: Advances overdue for 3 months or less and on which interest is being placed in suspense or	, ,		,,,,,	,
on which interest accrual has ceased	52,657	0.3	6,032	46,625
Total non-performing advances	1,240,226	6.6	240,870	999,356

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7. OVERDUE AND RESCHEDULED ASSETS - continued

	2000			
	Gross amount of advances HK\$'000	Percentage to total advances	Specific provision HK\$'000	Net amount of advances HK\$'000
Advances overdue for	600 959	2.0	17 007	E00 04E
- 6 months or less but over 3 months	600,252	3.2	17,007	583,245
– 1 year or less but over 6 months	483,918	2.6	14,947	468,971
– over 1 year	$\frac{825,096}{1,909,266}$	$\frac{4.5}{10.3}$	$\frac{232,102}{264,056}$	592,994
			264,056	1,645,210
Rescheduled advances	93,394	0.5	2,485	90,909
Total overdue and rescheduled advances	2,002,660	10.8	266,541	1,736,119
Total overdue advances	1,909,266	10.3	264,056	1,645,210
Less: Advances overdue for more than 3 months and on which interest is still being accrued	829,793	4.5	_	829,793
Add: Advances overdue for 3 months or less and on which interest is being placed in suspense or	00 700		0.000	00.470
on which interest accrual has ceased	39,799	0.2	3,320	36,479
Total non-performing advances	1,119,272	6.0	267,376	851,896

Non-performing advances are advances on which interest is being placed in suspense or on which interest accrual has ceased.

The value of the security of the above overdue advances are analysed as follows:

	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Total overdue advances	1,683,295	1,909,266
Secured amount	1,379,310	1,574,234
Unsecured amount	303,985	335,032
	1,683,295	1,909,266
Market value of security	2,098,048	2,355,506

The loan borrowers are predominantly located in Hong Kong.

There were no advances to banks and other financial institutions or other assets which were overdue for over 3 months as at 31 December 2001 and 31 December 2000, nor were there any rescheduled advances to banks and other financial institutions.

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8. CAPITAL ADEQUACY AND LIQUIDITY RATIO

	2001	2000
	%	%
Capital adequacy ratio at 31 December		
- Unadjusted	<u>20.92</u>	21.64
– Adjusted	<u>20.87</u>	21.60
Average liquidity ratio for the year	<u>58.56</u>	<u>54.35</u>

The capital adequacy ratio is calculated as the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the capital base to the risk assets, as specified in the Third Schedule of the Banking Ordinance, with reference to the financial information of the Bank, Liu Chong Hing Finance Limited, Liu Chong Hing Bank (International) Limited, Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman, and Right Way Investments Limited.

The adjusted capital adequacy ratio which takes into account of market risks as at the balance sheet date is calculated on the same basis as the unadjusted capital adequacy ratio and in accordance with the Guideline "Maintenance of Adequate Capital Against Market Risks" issued by the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

The average liquidity ratio is calculated as the ratio, expressed as a percentage, of the average of each calendar month's average ratio, as specified in the Fourth Schedule of the Banking Ordinance, with reference to the financial information of the Bank, Liu Chong Hing Finance Limited, Liu Chong Hing Bank (International) Limited, Liu Chong Hing Banking Corporation, Cayman, and Right Way Investments Limited.

9. OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The components of the total capital base after deductions as reported under Part I of the Capital Adequacy Return are as follows:

	2001	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Core capital		
Paid up ordinary share capital	217,500	217,500
Share premium account	1,542,817	1,542,817
Reserves (eligible for inclusion in core capital)	2,932,283	2,809,956
	4,692,600	4,570,273
Eligible supplemental capital		
Reserves on revaluation of land and interests in land	517,478	525,919
Reserves on revaluation of holding of securities not held		
for trading purposes	7,109	11,025
General provisions for doubtful debts	179,858	273,443
Total capital base before deductions	5,397,045	5,380,660
Deductions from total capital base	613,597	527,338
Total capital base after deductions	4,783,448	4,853,322